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Ps.28:28-29 For Thou, O Lord, art my light; Thou, O God, wilt lighten my da darkness, For by Thy help I run upon a troop, and by God's help I leap over a wall.

INTRO: In spite of judgment of criticism against the Davidic authorship of Ps.18 and its application to the whole nation at a muc later time, I take my text from it and develop its thot from the life of David the Shepherd hero and fighting cinquerer. The text.

The picture of a fighter in battle who because of the help of his God leaps upon his enemies and scales every wall wall of difficulty, conquerering all his foes. Altho we have just ended the world's greatest and most terrible war, it is not only likely that we shall wait a long time before engaging in another, in fact, we probably shall arrange the affairs of nations so as to do away with warfare altogether, the mastery of life today demands that we fight harder than ever. True, we use different weapons and methods and our foes appear in ever new caumaflages, but the standardsof life are so high and the demands upon life are so great that to become a victor in every conflict of present day competition one must fight with all his might and use

to the best advantage all the help he can get.

David.

I. The Darkest Event in the Life of Dav
Whe he arranged to have Uriah killed in order to take away his wife.

At first it was not sin but right ful desire. He, David, the great conquorer of all the enemies of Israel, surely had the right. Then comes to David the light of God thru Nathan who tells him a parable of the ewe lamb "Thou art the man!

1. The sense of sin, today, not so keenly felt. We dont hear any calling out, "God, be merciful to me a sinner!" or, "What must I do to be sav saved?". And because we dont feel our sinfulness as of old, neither do we understand the Gospel of Christ so wel well. On top of many ancient walls were built roads over which the charic chariots were driven and the troops marched. Today people ride on top of their sins add do not regard them as walls of opposition to their succes in life.

2. But the light of God's law is still shining and many a man comes to realize that his sin stands in hie way

The cheater in a game
The writer of wediocre stories
The lying business man.

God's word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway. God is ever our light, showing us the way and disclosing to our view the real nature of the things with which we are dealling.

And as David repented and was forg given, so God forgives every man that repents of his wromg doing. David did not stay down, but arose and pressed on. Nor does any man need to stay down because of his sin- let him repent, arise, and cintinue his journey as an all-conquerering child of God.

We conguer sin by taking God.

II When David Caught Saul in the Cave.

1. The ermity between David and Saul Their dispositions were antagonistic. Their ambitions clashed.
2. But David thinks of God and it flashes into his mind that Saul is God's annointed and as such still has claims on him.
3. Likewise the thot of God helps us to overcome our resentments and prejudices- racial, social and personal. And how prejudiced we are, and how resentful we can be!

But we can never succed in buildi ing anything save a prison house for our spirits unless we get the divine view of our human relationships.

IVI. The Last David's faith when his little child died.

1. When the child was sick, David fasted and was the most miserable of men. So much so that when the thild of his heart died his friends feared to tell him the news.

But when he heard of it, instead of lamenting, he washed and clo clothed himself afresh, sat down and ate heartliy. And then he faces that wall of death and again looks upon Go God and again leaps over his wall. "He shall not come to me, but I shall go to him."

Death is a wall which all of us must face. God alove can help us surmount it.

Our physical is of the earth and to the earth must return, but our spirits are from God and to Him t they will go.